

WEST LULWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held
at West Lulworth Village Hall on Monday June 3rd 2013 at 7.30p.m.

Councillors

Present: Mr J Davey (Chairman)
Mrs M Colvin
Mrs V King
Mr D Knight
Ms C Matthews
Mr N Miller
Mrs E Rudd
Mr M Whittle

In attendance: County Cllr Mike Lovell
District Cllr Barry Quinn
Mr N Copperthwaite, Wreck to Reef
Mr K Buchan, Coastal Policy Manager, Environment Directorate
14 members of the public
Mrs Julie Wright (Clerk)

13/14/024 **Mr N Copperthwaite, Wreck to Reef Project**

Mr Copperthwaite's family were originally from Lulworth. The Parish Council have expressed concerns as they were not originally consulted about the Wreck to Reef Project. Mr Norman Miller and other fishermen slipped through the net. Did involve the Weymouth and Portland Academy and the Ringstead Society but did not come as far as Lulworth.

The project is good for fishing and diving. Trying to promote the economy of Weymouth and Portland. Business started to improve the diving industry. It has taken three years to get the permissions There will be four artificial reefs; one lobster restocking reef, two ships and a community reef. In September the first 1,000 juvenile lobsters, bought through funding, these will be placed on the lobster restocking reef. This reef is in conjunction with Southampton University. It is hope that some of these lobsters will breed. Restocking of the lobsters is for the commercial fishing industry. It is hoped that Sothern IFCA is considering funding for restocking the reef. Ships are for the diving industry but they can act as nurseries for marine life and young fish. There will be a small area that will be precluded for the fisherman – this will be the base of the ship. Lease is 1 square kilometre of the sea bed from the Crown Estate. This is not a no take area. The fishermen are represented on the consultative committee which involves all the stakeholders. If the consultative committee want to make it a no take area then it is up to the committee not Wreck to Reef. The community reef will involve people in the undersea world.

There will be a lobster tagging scheme with Southampton University will see how far they roam and how many are caught. The important lobsters are the ones that go on to breed.

Mr Miller is far from convinced, the licence is held by two or three people. This will restrict the area the small sustainable fishermen can fish and Ringstead is one of the only areas they can fish. Will the divers be under control? The lobster reef is 0.5 kilometres away from the ship and divers will not stray too far from the ship.

It was stated that divers and fishing equipment do not mix.

The project will not make any revenue and has to rely on grants. The revenue will be through an increase in the economy e.g. pubs/shops.

There are so many wrecks already - these ships are decaying as they were sunk in the First and Second World War. HMS Hood is collapsing and diving is banned there. Are these artificial reefs necessary as they interfering with nature? People either love artificial reefs or don't. The divers are doing it to make money. What happens when the fishermen cannot make money? The project has received funding from Chalk and Cheese to pay for the lobster restoration reef and for Mr Copperthwaite's role as Project Co-ordinator for six months. This project is trying to boost both the diving and fishing industries.

Where are the lobsters coming from? They are coming from the National Lobster Hatchery at Padstow. What about the lobster hatchery at Portland? The buildings have been turned into housing.

What about buoys and charting of these reefs? The lobster reef has already been charted. When the ships go down these too will be charted and the buoys will be lit at night.

What about the depth of water where the wrecks are? There will be 21metres clearance from the seabed. The ship will be cut off at the bridge.

Can the fishermen still fish at low water? Yes they can, it will not affect the small boats. It was guaranteed that the fishermen can fish at low or high tide. Netting will not be allowed in the vicinity of the ship for safety reasons.

How many divers are you expecting – disturbance of fish may affect breeding? The activity of diving will be around the ship, divers can be trained on these wrecks due to the depth of this water. Policing of divers taking lobsters from ships; Southern IFCA will police it and check the divers. The only way is to educate people in sustainable fishing – you will always get people taking lobsters that are too small or doing something they shouldn't.

Why put a reef in a protected area where undulate ray is? Why rent an area where netting takes place and creating false reefs? This area has been monitored for three years and never saw a pot marker or a net and they have filmed extensively.

Why has Lulworth both the fishermen and Parish Council not been kept informed of the project? This has tried to be addressed by bringing a Lulworth Fisherman onto the Consultative Committee.

Why not put it with the other reefs? This is due to Natural England and the Special Area of Conservation. Portland Port wanted to extend their anchorage area into Ringstead and Wreck to Reef leased the area. Is this project done and dusted – all the consultations are over and this took three years.

Fishermen have to put back female lobsters with eggs on them and also the landing catch size has been increased. There has been damage to pots, pots turn upside down and this is due to an increase in divers mainly from the smaller boats. How is the university going to monitor? The lobster population is low and the Wreck to Reef project of a lobster restocking reef is a small part of a larger picture. There will be restocking reefs in Cornwall and four lobster restocking sites Lyme Bay.

The Parish is very protective and they could not understand why the fishermen here were overlooked.

Mr Copperthwaite was thanked for coming to attend and it was good that Mr Miller is on the consultative group this community's views can be aired.

13/14/025 **Public Questions and Discussion Period**

- a) Mr A Lance, The Old Barn, wanted to speak about point 10 on the agenda the Glebe Field. The letter Mr Lance sent to Diocese was copied to the Parish Council and welcomed that this was on the agenda. The record of the meeting held on 1st October at the end of Cllr Quinn's report it stated that 'Planning and the School'. Mr Simpson explained that the school needs to be bigger. The new school could be built at the Glebe field. The land ownership of the current site is not straight forward. If the school was built at a new site this would free up the existing site for housing and reduce congestion in School Lane. This needs to be talked about with local residents. This has not been discussed since by the Parish Council. At the Annual Parish Meeting this issue was taken up with Mr Simpson and he described it as a fait accompli and he wasn't sure what Mr Simpson's interest in all this is. On May 13th they welcomed initiated by the Revd Coleman a public meeting was held regarding the proposed sale of the Glebe Field. At the meeting it was revealed how far advanced discussions were with various parties the County Council, the Diocese and the School. This meeting was time limited so not much time for discussion, the meeting was packed and there were a lot of Winfrith residents present. Planning objections are many and various. The property of the Old Barn adjoins the Glebe Field and a reason they came to live here. The tourists come here for the conservation area/countryside. This will affect Mr Lance's and other businesses.

The latest Parish Magazine has a page long entry about building of a new school – develop a flagship for ecological building. On the Prayer page for our Primary School by lifting up the Head teacher, governors, County Council, Diocesan Officers, planning and building for the future.

- b) Mrs Lance stated that the Parish Council has made no effort to tell anyone about this proposal for eighteen months. The Clerk responded that the Parish Council has not been informed formally about this proposal. Dorset County Council or the Church has not approached the Parish Council about this sale.
- c) It was reported that Mr Simpson has an involvement with the Church. The Parish Council has only heard about rumours and speculation and no firm proposal and as such cannot engage the residents in discussions on rumours.
- d) Mrs Miller - cannot make an informed comment but only make an emotive comment about not losing the Glebe Field. It was queried if the District Council could provide a visual of what the field would look like if there was development there. Can not apply for planning until they have the field and the residents would like to know what it would look like before agreeing to the sale of the field
- e) No plan has been submitted to Purbeck District Council. The planning authority that deals with schools is County. Mrs Groves said that PDC had been consulted. PDC had been contacted by Mr Lance and they knew nothing about the plans.
- f) The school is supposed to be opening in September.
- g) Mr Davey clarified the process. The first step is for the Parochial Church Council to decide whether they agree to the sale of the Glebe Field by the Diocese to County. Then if the sale goes ahead plans for the school would have to be submitted. County would decide the plans for a school and PDC and the Parish Council would be

consultees. Until a plan has been submitted there are no comments the Parish Council can make on planning matters. The Parish Council can comment on "the sale of" the Glebe Field as this has been publicly reported. Under the Localism Act there is a lot the Parish Council can do.

- h) Mrs Rudd agreed with Mrs Miller's comments that an informal plan/design of a school at the Glebe Field put forward by the County would be a good way forward.
- i) Mrs Lance said that this idea has been kicked around for eighteen months as Mr Simpson made comments at the Parish Council meeting last October.
- j) Mrs Sarah Jackson – this eighteen months is fact as the Parish Council knew about this from last October's meeting. Those who do not want the Glebe Field as the school site will be seen not to want the best for the children of the village. Mrs Jackie Groves misled the meeting by suggesting that Highways can deal with the traffic and haven't dealt with the dangerous parking that goes on there every day. Suggested that the field was level and it is the only suitable site in the area. Mrs Groves had not done her homework. Mr Simpson and Winfrith parents knew. Why were so many people in West Lulworth not informed and lots of Winfrith residents were at the meeting? The residents of West Lulworth are being ignored. Prayers in the Parish News for the school etc. all except the residents. Losing this field will mean losing the only piece of land not owned by the Weld Estate.
- k) Mrs Colvin explained why people came to the meeting from Winfrith and Chaldon as they are a benefice Church so everyone in the benefice knew about it and there are four churches to make the decision. The Church was only informed 2-3 weeks prior to the open meeting to ask if the PCC in agreement to the sale of the Glebe Field. The PCC wanted to know more information. Nothing has been agreed yet and the land has not been sold. A letter has been sent to the Diocese from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) as they want more information (have they looked at other sites) and time before they make a decision. The field belongs to the Diocese and not the PCC. The decision made can go to the Church Commission who can overrule the decision. Holy Trinity will not benefit as all the money from the sale goes to the Diocese.
- l) Why can't it be built on another site or the school expand on the current site? The school governors will have considered this. It was reported that Mr Simpson came onto the Church Committee last November.
- m) Why can't the school expand at Winfrith? An idea that has been discounted would be for West Lulworth and Winfrith to swap the sites for infants and juniors. How many children in West Lulworth go to school here? It was thought thirty. The school is about to lose twenty army children but another twenty will be coming. There is not a growing number of children in the village. The number of army children attending the local school is likely to remain constant.
- n) Mrs Jackson has written to the Archdeacon and a copy to the Bishop regarding their Pastoral Care. Mrs Jackson has not even received an acknowledgement.
- o) Is there a development plan for schools or for the village? The development for West Lulworth will be in the District Plan.

- p) Ms Matthews stated that a West Lulworth's residents meeting needs to be held to gauge feeling and to reflect the views of the whole parish. A petition with more than 100 signatures sent to County have to answer the petition.
- q) The Glebe Field lies within the conservation area but outside the development boundary. Do we want the Glebe Field to be retained as it is as highlighted in the Parish Plan? Or should it be developed? The Parish Plan has been agreed with the District and County Councils.
Can the village conserve the World Heritage Site and Conservation Area.
- r) Mrs King suggested action regarding the Glebe Field. To reply to archdeacon's letter, as follows -
Include list of all points against there being a school in the Glebe Field, drawn from all letters received, points made at the meeting on May 13th, e.g. danger to children, etc., petition, The Purbeck District Plan and any other points generally made by the public. List all the reasons why the present site is much better for the children, e.g. mature trees and pond, 150 years of history in the school building, footpaths with safe access to the hill, walking distance from army camp, pavements, 2 play areas available all day every day, especially multi-purpose sports area for over 9s, provided by parish council and can be used every day as a playground/sports area throughout the school day. There are two classrooms and office facilities already. The County Council need only provide a hall, 2 classrooms and new toilets - ideal in these hard economic times, etc. (The Sustainability Act now reaches down as far as Town and Parish Councils).
Send copies of the letter to The Bishop, the Rural Dean and the Rev Nicola Coleman Richard Drax, M.P., County Councillor Mike Lovell and District Councillor Barry Quinn
- Suggested action is to call a Parish Meeting for the residents of West Lulworth Parish (not an open meeting) for 2 to 3 weeks time in the village hall to learn from DAPTC representative and possibly the Purbeck District Council how we can have a voice in planning with a Neighbourhood Development Order. Hand deliver notes to houses as when a date is faxed.
- s) Mr Lance after the meeting on May 13th he spoke to Mr Ferris, Estate Manager for the Diocese, as he had said that a valuation has been made of the field. Mr Lance under the Freedom of Information Act requested to see the valuation but was told that this was a matter of commercial confidentiality.
- t) County have only allocated funds from their capital programme for the building of a new school hall at the school. This was queried as there is money for a new building and that the hall money would be used for this.
- u) There is a conflict of interest on the PCC as Mrs Selfe is on the committee and Mr Selfe is independent as he is there to take minutes of the meetings.

Mr Davey closed the public discussion period.

13/14/026 **Apologies**
No apologies.

13/14/027 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda**

Declarations of Interest were made by Mrs Colvin who declared an interest in the agenda item on the Glebe Field.

13/14/028 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on May 13th 2013**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday May 13th 2013 were agreed as a true and accurate record of that meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

13/14/029 **Appointment of the Lead Tree Officer**

Mr Knight stated that he was happy to continue as the Tree Officer. If anyone has any problems with this then please let him know. Mr Knight sees the role responding to what people ask, making them acquainted with the rules. If work is being carried out to trees and Mr Knight does not know of any applications tree works then he will attend. Mr Knight is seen as the Tree Officer locally.

This is a small amount of work, can't see how you can get a different view point when it is only telling people of the rules.

People, new people on the Council, are not being able to become involved.

Someone does have to be accountable. Tree Officers do not have to be a member of the Parish Council.

Getting people involved will mean people have an appreciation of the role and work together as a team. Perhaps have a rotation of roles.

It would be good to involve the community more in all of the officer roles.

It was agreed that Mr Knight would continue as the Tree Officer.

Action: Ms Matthews will produce a report for the next meeting on how to involve the community in Parish Council roles.

13/14/030 **Reports from District and County Councillors**

a) County Cllr Lovell

i) County is trying to catch up with road repairs and have received £2million from the Government and will receive a further £1 million for repairing roads next year. A new patching machine has been bought to do repairs – these plane the surface and put down a new surface.

ii) Cllr Lovell is the Chair of Planning at County.

iii) The sides of the road at Camp Hill need filling. This is a low priority at County.

Action: The Clerk will write to County about the repairs need at Camp Hill.

Marley Wood resurfacing still needs to be done as the wrong tarmac has been used. The grass and verges of the footways need cutting back at Main Road/Church Road.

iv) County have sent two letters to Tewkesbury Orchard. The rose bush has been cut back to the road boundary.

b) District Cllr Quinn

i) The District Council is controlled by the Conservatives. Chairman is Cllr Bill Trite, Vice-Chair Cllr Gloria Marsh and the spokespersons have changed and have tried to get the right people in the right roles.

ii) Community Governance Review. The Audit and Governance Panel has met today and to consider the responses that came in from Individuals Parish Councils and Parish Meetings.

iii) Toilets this has been chased up by the Clerk and District Cllr. The Contractor should have started work today but due to a disagreement about parking has

pulled out. The District Council has to get two more tenders. The painting is just a quick fix need a plan B in light of the Cove application being refused.

- iv) The Travellers have moved from Worgret roundabout.
- v) The Travellers at Coombe Keynes District Cllr and County Cllr have had a meeting at County who put them in there. The intention is to move them out within the six month time frame and have an idea where they will go.
- vi) Leak in the toilets; it is thought that this may be from the duck pond. This needs to be clarified.
Action: District Cllr Quinn will speak to Jill Jackson who inspected it and if the leak is coming from the duck pond. If it is then the Estate needs to be informed.
- vii) The 'Alpine' planning application will be being declared invalid due to the inconsistency with the measurements.

13/14/031 **Update on Previous Planning Applications**

- a) **6/2012/0757** - Lulworth Cove, West Lulworth. Improvements around Mill Pond (including demolition of kiosk and replacement bin store), improvements to Fisherman's Green (including provision of new public toilets in the existing waterworks building, conversion of the existing public toilets to a cafe and kiosk and demolition of the existing kiosk) and improvements to the beach (including an extension to the beach cafe, new decking area and retaining wall). **The reason for refusal was on the Beach Cafe part of the application only.**
- b) **6/2012/0814** – The Triangle (Workshop Adj. 52), West Lulworth, BH20 5RP. Demolish part of existing workshop, erect extensions to form two storey dwelling; form new vehicular access (Extend time limit of PP 6/2009/0626). **Withdrawn.**
- c) **6/2013/0188** – Newlands Farm, West Lulworth, BH20 5PU. Refurbishment of cart shed and granary to facilitate use as holiday accommodation. **Approved.**
- d) **6/2013/0189** – Newlands Farm, West Lulworth, BH20 5PU Refurbishment of old shop and shelter shed to facilitate use as holiday accommodation. **Approved.**
- e) **6/2013/0190** – Newlands Farm, West Lulworth, BH20 5PU. Refurbishment of stalls attached to Farm Cottage to facilitate use as holiday accommodation. **Approved.**
- f) **6/2013/0191** – Newlands Farm, West Lulworth, BH20 5PU. Refurbishment of main barn and stables to facilitate use as holiday accommodation. **Approved.**

13/14/032 **Finance**

- a) Payment schedule

The following payment schedule was approved for payment having been proposed by Mrs Colvin and seconded by Mrs Rudd. This motion was carried unanimously.

Payee	Amount	Cheque number
Mrs Mr C Vallance (grass cutting bill no 19)	£136.00	000754
DAPTC HMRC Update	£12.50	000755
Mr R Yates (Internal Audit)	£75.00	000756

It was resolved that the above payment schedule was paid.

- b) **Receipts**
The following receipts were **noted**:
Interest on Playground account £0.19

- c) May's Budget report 2013/14
May's Budget report was **noted**.

ROSPA have carried out their annual play area inspection. On 19th June Viridor are visiting the MUGA.

Action: The chains on the swings need replacing.

Mr Simpson will be asked if he can spray the growth of weeds at the joins of the surface at the MUGA.

- d) Purbeck District Council's (PDC) Planning Training – cost £50/annum.
It was proposed by Mrs Rudd, seconded by Mr Knight that the Parish Council subscribes to PDC's Planning Training at a cost of £50/annum. This was unanimously approved.
- e) Internal Auditor's report
Having been circulated prior to the meeting the Internal Auditor's report and comments were **noted**.

13/14/033 **New items for discussion or Report**

- a) Glebe Field

The Parish Council has a letter from the Archdeacon in response to the Parish Council's letter. The Archdeacon responded that we will be kept informed of developments.

A petition is being circulated that asks people to sign to strongly object to the sale of the Glebe Field to be sold for development of a school or any other form of building. This historic field lies within the Conservation Area and outside the settlement boundary. Should remain an area of beauty and tranquillity. Expansion of the school should be on the current site like in other villages e.g. Wool.

This petition covers two issues – against sale of Glebe Field and the School. A public meeting should have the clear specific points for people's views.

The Chairman agreed to call an extraordinary meeting. This will be held on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm to find out if people want the Glebe Field to be kept as a green field or be sold regardless of what development may occur.

What is best for the children? There is a choice of two sites for the school.

Action: The Parish Council will write after the meeting about the village view.

- b) Bus Shelter
Item for next agenda.

- c) Coastal and Flooding Issues Roles and Responsibilities
This document was noted.
- d) Community Governance Review
This was covered in Cllr Quinn's report.
- e) Broadband
- f) Parking (email from Mrs Bellin)
Mrs Bellin's email will be forwarded to County to see if there is anything they can do regarding the parking issue and Mrs Bellin will be informed of the action taken by the Parish Council.

13/14/034 **Ongoing Actions and items for discussion/update from previous meetings**

a) **Wreck to Reef Project**

Mr Miller will draft a letter about the Wreck to Reef project and bring this to the next meeting.

b) **Television Reception**

No progress at NALC to report

c) **PDC Consultations** - Community infrastructure levy - draft charging schedule and priorities for spending, Economic development strategy, Planning application validation list, Planning enforcement policy and Management strategy for camping and caravanning sites

Mr Davey reported that he had responded to the consultations.

13/14/035 **Parish Plan Action Plan**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

13/14/036 **Reports from Meetings attended**

a) Purbeck Transport Action Group (PTAG)

Mrs King reported that the X43 will run again during the summer.

b) DAPTC Purbeck Area Committee

There were two speakers at the DAPTC Purbeck Area Meeting. The first speaker, Mr Gregory, spoke about the new waste/recycling service. From this November residents can have their garden waste collected. Cost per annum are £35 for a wheeled bin and £25 for a bag. Register by 31st July for this optional service.

At the next meeting Mr Gregory will speak about the roll-out of the new service.

This service will improve savings by not having waste sent to land fill. There will be a weekly collection of food waste, fortnightly collection of household waste and recycling. The new waste bins will be of a smaller size.

The next Speaker was Mr Morgan from the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service. He covers eight stations. The new green waste bin has reduced fires as people are not having bonfires. They have been busy with the recent cliff falls and heath fires.

The Fire and Rescue Service run SPARC for young people and work with the Social Services.

Other topics covered were the Broadband project and at present there are no plans to close any hospitals.

13/14/037 **Highways Issues**

- a) Mr Davey sent a letter regarding the road closure to request that people did not park in Main Road whilst the drainage works were taking place in Main Road. This was so the buses could get through.

13/14/038 **Footpaths**

- a) Dungy Head
This is on-going.

- b) East to West Lulworth footpath
The next meeting will be held tomorrow regarding the East – West Lulworth footpath. Members of this group are Lt Col Matt Cocup, Mr Chris Donaghy (Defence Estates) Mr Davey, District Cllr Quinn and County Cllr Lovell.

- c) Other footpath issues
It was reported that the seat overlooking Cove is overgrown.
The corner of Church Road/ Main Road needs cutting back. The Clerk will inform Highways to cut this back as it is impairing visibility at this junction and obstructing the footpath.
Mrs King reported that Synergy has sent a plan of which bits of grass belong to them.

13/14/039 **Correspondence**

- a) Correspondence report – June 2013
All the following correspondence had been circulated to councillors between meetings. This report was noted.
 - i) Dorset Coastal Forum ENews May 2013.
 - ii) An update on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Dorset.
 - iii) An invitation to ‘The Business of Fishing’ to be held on Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 6.30pm.
 - iv) An invitation to an event to mark Community Safety Week on 3rd June, 10am – 3pm, at The Corn Exchange, Dorchester.
 - v) Invitation to Dorset Advocacy’s 20th Anniversary celebratory Garden Party on 5th June, 11am – 3pm at Merley House, Wimborne. The Parish Council needs to RSVP by 24th May.
 - vi) Leaflet for the optional garden waste service. The garden waste service is being made available ahead of the new ‘recycle for Dorset’.

 - vii) News release about the final stage of refurbishment that will take place at the Sports Centre.
 - viii) Dates of the Purbeck Benefit Surgeries being held during May, June and July.
Poster on the notice boards.
 - ix) PCC Martyn Underhill is holding Public Engagement Forums.
 - x) Being Well - The Well Being Show Saturday 8th June 11am - 3pm The Lighthouse, Poole. Admission is free to this drop-in session.
 - xi) Purbeck Community Safety Week which will take place between the 4th and the 7th June 2013. Poster on the notice boards.
 - xii) Purbeck District Council (PDC) Bulletin June 2013.

13/14/040 **Items for information and Items for next agenda**

a) Items for Information:

A letter has been received from Viridor and they will be coming to look at the MUGA.

At the Old Butchers Shop the railings are rusting and breaking.

Action: Mr Davey will inform the Weld Estate.

The Army are no longer sending out the Army firing papers by post. Ms Matthews expressed an interest in receiving a copy of the firing programme.

b) Item for the next agenda:

Report from the Training attended

13/14/041 **Date of the Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday July 1st 2013 at 7.30pm at West Lulworth Village Hall.

With no further business the meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.40pm.

Chairman:

Date: